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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Richard H. Tullis

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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
THERAPEUTIC AGENT AND
METHODS OF MAKING SAME

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Sir:

Applicant submits the enclosed remarks and amendments. An Information Disclosure Statement with attached PTO 1449 form is enclosed with references cited in a European opposition involving a granted application corresponding to the pending application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 53-61 and 63.

Please add claims 64 - 72:

--64. A method of selectively inhibiting the expression of a target protein in a cell producing messenger ribonucleic acids encoding the target protein and other proteins without inhibiting the expression of the other proteins, said method comprising the steps of:

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